(b) It is not considered necessary to incorporate the guidelines laid down in the Home Minister's meeting into the Statute Book as the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, the Delhi Development Act, 1957, the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911 (as applicable to New Delhi Municipal Committee area) and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 have already been amended in 1984 to make suitable provisions for dealing with unauthorised construction/ encroachments. The guidelines have been communicated to all concerned for implementation.

(c) to (e) The Delhi Administration has reported that no specific case of inaction on the part of local authorities has come to their notice. The local authorities have been taking action from time to time for removal of encroachments etc.

Development of cities in Assam

2868. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that towns of Assam like Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Nowgong, Silchar are not getting due share of Central assistance for development as compared to other towns and cities of India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government contemplate to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Urban Development is a State subject and the State Governments formulate and implement appropriate projects out of their Annual Plan provisions in accordance with their needs and priorities. Beside, Central assistance is provided under the Centrally sponsored Schemes of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) and Urban Basic Services (UBS). The towns selected for inclusion under the IDMST Scheme are Tinsukhia, Silchar, Tejpur, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Dipu and Karimganj. A total amount of Rs. 217.50 lakhs has been released for these towns. The towns selected for inclusion in the UBS scheme are—Guwahati and Nalhari. An amount of Rs. 90,000 has been released for these towns.

Sales Depot of Steel Authority of India at Silchar, Assam

2869. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a SAIL sales depot at Silchar, Assam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to bring to book those dishonest steel traders of Assam who are selling sub-standard steel to the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has not received any complaints in this regard.

Jipai Mukh Project

2870. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will tht Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are or were the reasons for not taking action to implement the Jipai Mukh (Barak Dam) Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that attempts are afoot to shelve the project; and